







captured in a war-torn country. The show unexpectedly found an early fan in Hollywood heavyweight Sean Penn, who reached out to be involved after viewing an early teaser. "Kick's brand of irreverence is so charged by an enthusiasm for all things considered inappropriate," Penn said in a statement, following the announcement of his appearance in the series.

This sense of the 'inappropriate' is a decidedly new side for Younes, especially for those more familiar with his dramatic performances — so it's not hard to imagine the scepticism he may have first faced at the prospect of the project. However: "Self expression as an actor, for me, is finding your own unique voice in a very loud, sometimes cacophonous orchestra. In order to discover that and protect it, you need to identify the parts of your life that are in your control and that serve you."

Raised alongside one younger brother in Bendigo, Victoria, by his journalist mother, it is perhaps no wonder that Younes begins his preparation for roles in the manner of a reporter researching a story. "I research, I forage inspiration, I sit with ideas and then I interrogate which of them is the most interesting to play and watch," he shares. "I think instincts are definitely key to a good performance, but you need the framework and the tools to let them shine through.

"In terms of the prep for particular roles, I think you can borrow or relate parts of your own life experience and humanity to create the initial scaffolding for your imagination to then subsequently fill in the blanks," he continues. "I don't like transposing too much from my own life, because it can limit your exploration of someone different from you. Similarities are just as valuable as differences, and by objectively exploring both, you find your way into each character."

In an interview with *The Sydney Morning Herald* in 2021, Younes expressed a desire to "play more roles that honour my Lebanese background", a motivation that stemmed from a trip to Lebanon to reconnect with extended family and learn more about his culture. That role soon manifested with local television production *Last King of the Cross*, with Younes cast to play John Ibrahim, the titular king of Sydney's Kings Cross nightclub scene

in its famously crime-ridden '90s era.

"I have always loved an underdog or an anti-hero. Any character that sits undecidedly in the greyness of life, with the potential and drive for change, is interesting to me," says Younes. The show went on to become Paramount+'s most-watched Australian series, and as a testament to Younes' captivating performance, he received a nomination for Most Popular Actor at the Logies.



Make no mistake, though: despite his dedication to his craft, Younes is not interested in taking his characters home with him. Between his hours on set, he can be found in the ocean – the place where he finds calm in the chaos. "This industry and career can get so heady and insular that it's important to drop back into your body where possible," he says. "For me, being out in that saltwater, away from devices and excuses, and being at the mercy of something larger than yourself, recalibrates my perspective and grounds me.

"I will commit to the work ethic for the entirety of a project. The character and the stories will play in my mind, but the only time I want to be in character is between the words 'action' and 'cut'. I love my outside life, same as I love my job, and it's important to delineate the two, otherwise it can all get very messy."

Next up is the second season of Last King of the Cross, which Younes is in rehearsal for at the time of writing. There is also the prospect of producing his own projects. "Moving forward, I am conscious of the stories I decide to tell," he says. "As storytellers, we have a responsibility to add volume to narrative voices that are quietened by society and be the conduit for good change in the world, so that has become something I am quite cognisant of."

More in control of his career than ever, it's only right for Younes to have the last word. No longer guided by a director or photographer, his chosen words are considered and introspective, as we've come to find the man himself. "I heard this sentiment a while back... all art is the offer you gave, in the time you had. And I think that is applicable to life, too," he says. "As creatives and people, we can get so caught up on ideas of perfection, especially when it comes to our work... and the truth is, that's all bull. There is no perfect art, there is no perfect life. There are just moments in time, where choices are made in the circumstances given. I find that calming whenever I start to run through the playback in my head."



It's the meeting of two beloved British brands with a shared commitment to innovation and quality. Last year, McLaren Formula 1 announced Reiss as its official travel-wear partner – and this March, just in time for the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne, the highly anticipated collaboration will land at David Jones. Join the team with gear available at Elizabeth Street, Bourke Street or online.



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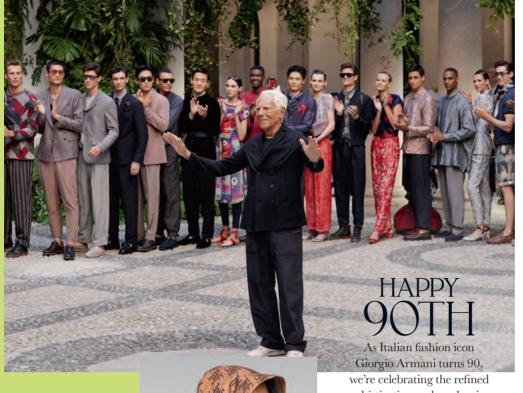
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Favouring an understated approach to design, Cameron Studio's Core Collection is a curation of classic ring and chain silhouettes - exclusively in solid 925 sterling silver and 9K gold - made anew in a high-polish finish. Prefer a statement? The Melbournebased brand recently expanded its range with Collection 12, a selection of hand-finished, faceted pieces, now available at David Jones.



RISE AND LOGOMANIA

With the return of all things '90s and noughties, it was only a matter of time before logomania made its way back to the forefront of fashion. This winter, The North Face will release its GORE-TEX mountain jacket in an almond butter hue, complete with a distinctive monogram print. Featuring a relaxed fit, durable and waterproof shell fabric, and constructed using recycled polyester, it's the ideal outer layer for alpine (or city) expeditions. Available in April.

PERFECT

Fresh off the back of a cricket World Cup win under his captainship, Pat Cummins has been announced as Carrera's new brand ambassador. Born of a love for motorcar racing in 1956, Carrera has maintained its passion for the intersection of pioneering design and excellence in sport - and local legend Cummins is the ideal face to represent its next era.



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As the weather cools, your skin will thank you for some extra TLC. Next time you're instore, enjoy a 15-minute complimentary Tom Ford For Men skin treatment - the same restorative regimen the designer uses himself. It's available at selected David Jones locations, including Elizabeth Street (where you can make the most of your visit with a grooming session at The Barber Shop 1927).

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tis Hope Carey's first art exhibition was at an intimate studio gallery in 2016. Capable of being circled in less than a minute, the small space inspired quiet contemplation. It was the perfect place to showcase **SUMMERHAYS** NGURAALAMI, an exhibition of Carey's works that were similarly self-reflective. Drawing on the traditional style and techniques of the Gumbaynggirr people, his art conveyed his late grandmother's safe passage as she headed back to Country and to the Dreaming. It helped Carey process his feelings and assured him that she had made it to her next path.

For Carey, who had become a household name as a professional surfer, it was a decidedly personal reintroduction. "I think exploring my creative side with painting has softened me up to myself,"



he says. "Painting has allowed me to have more of an open heart and more empathy. It's really helped me become a more grounded, open person."

In the years since that first exhibition, Carey's art has moved from the intimacy of canvas to murals (Chris Hemsworth's Byron Bay mansion famously boasts one of his large-scale works), plus surfboards and, most recently, Longines watch straps. Whatever the format, his signature openness remains. "Working in different mediums and on different scales can be

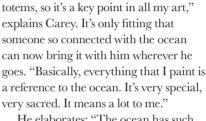
> a challenge," he says. "But the watches - the designs at that scale - were really fun to paint and create."

The four NATO watch straps – in bold orange,

green, blue and black - expertly stitch Carey's depictions of the ocean (gaagal) with recycled materials. "For the

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He elaborates: "The ocean has such powerful healing elements. If I find myself needing to feel grounded, if I'm feeling overwhelmed, I'll just go sit on the beach or go for a swim, or go for a walk with my feet in the water. I always feel better. You never feel worse leaving the beach."

It's difficult to imagine Carey deviating from the soft-yet-precise ocean-emulating linework that has brought him such great acclaim, but when asked about other themes or connections he wants to depict, Carey is quick to respond. "For the most part, the ocean has given me so much I just have so much respect for it. So it's been a really solid key point that's informed my work," he says. "I would love to start painting some other elements, maybe the wind. The wind's very special, too - it carries a lot of songs, so that's something I'd like to explore."

Whether it's in a public gallery, private home or on a wrist, Carey's work exploring the regenerative power of the ocean or whistle of the wind - will always be rooted in his desire to heal. "I think the more I paint, the more I understand who I am," he reflects. "I just want to share my culture, really. At the end of the day, I just want to be able to create a safe space for everybody to come together and learn from each other."



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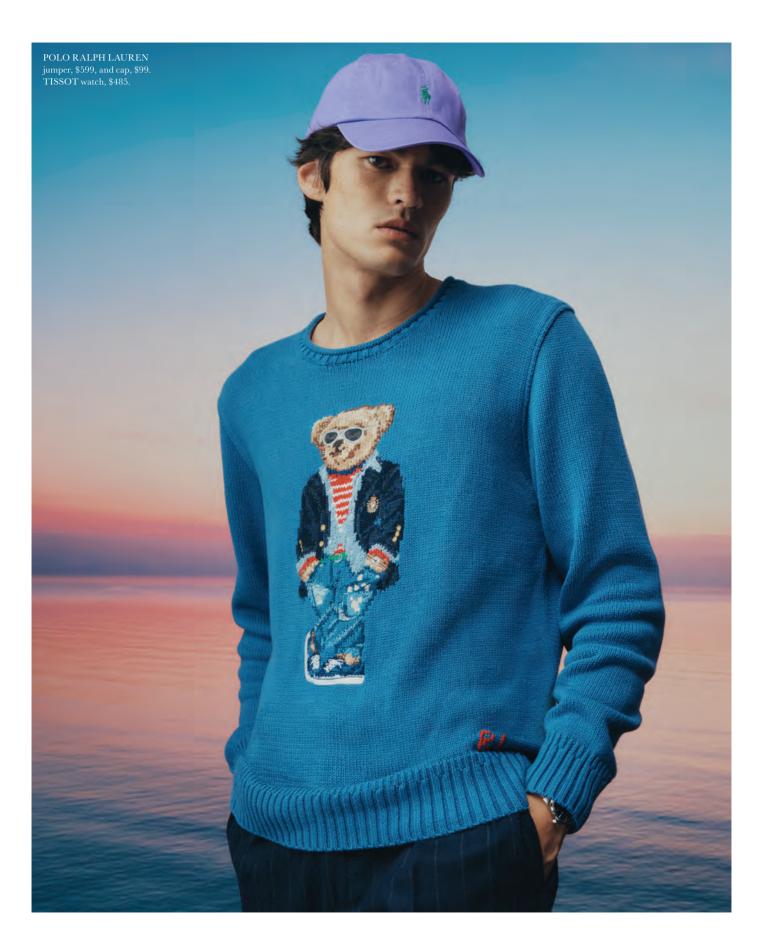


















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